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# City Auditor's Harbor Initiative Impact Report

CITY AUDITOR  
LED THE INITIATIVE  
THAT HAS BROUGHT IN

**\$135 Million**

FOR THE TIDELANDS AREA  
COVERING 7 MILES OF  
COASTLINE & BEACHES

Prior to 2010, per the City Charter, the Harbor Department transferred 10% of the increase in net assets annually. However, City Auditor Laura Doud discovered that the revenue and expense categories that comprised net assets can change year to year, causing the transfer amount to fluctuate. To stabilize this revenue source to the City, City Auditor Doud recommended an important change to the basis of the transfer from 10% of the increase in net assets to 5% of gross operating revenue, which required a change to the City Charter.

City Auditor Doud advocated for a City Charter amendment to reform the transfer basis and redirect the control of oil properties. In November 2010, the Long Beach Harbor Department and Oil Properties, Measure D 2010 (Harbor Initiative) was passed overwhelmingly by voters, creating a more transparent, fair, and reliable source of funding for the Tidelands Fund. The Harbor Initiative also transferred the control of oil properties to the City. Since 2010, the Harbor Initiative has generated an additional \$135 million for the Tidelands Fund, which has made a significant impact on our coastline by funding projects and activities that clean our beaches, enhance infrastructure along the coast, and improve water quality.

# Capital Improvement Project and Activity Highlights

Funded by the Harbor Initiative  
Fiscal Years 2011-2016



## Pike Area Security

The Police Department increases the number of patrol officers in the Pike area during holidays including Memorial Day and Independence Day to **keep residents safe.**

## Rainbow Harbor Safety

There is improved **safety and security** at Rainbow Harbor due to additional lighting, security cameras, and a new 514 ft. ADA-accessible dock.

## Beach Patrol

Lifeguards and members of the certified Dive and Swiftwater Rescue Teams **keep beachgoers and boaters safe** by patrolling our sand and waterways with lifeguard trucks and boats year-round.

## Colorado Lagoon Restoration

The Colorado Lagoon was **restored to its natural habitat.** A new pedestrian pathway and native plants were added to line the waterway. Dredging improved the water quality and the Colorado Lagoon was **removed from Heal the Bay's most polluted beaches list.**

## Beach Facility Improvements

**13 restrooms were upgraded or built and 9 beach parking lots were renovated.** The Parks, Recreation and Marine Department keeps our beaches and facilities clean by removing debris year-round.

## Alamitos Bay Improvements

Safety and access were improved across the Bay. A new ADA-accessible ramp and safety signs were installed and a **new dock project** for the Leeway Sailing and Aquatics Center was initiated.

## New Bike Lanes

The Queensway Bike Path was built to connect the Queen Mary to Rainbow Harbor. The new **1.5 mile bike path** provides a safe dedicated lane for cyclists.

## Breakwater Study

A 3-year Breakwater Study started in 2016 will estimate the benefits and impact of **restoring natural habitats** and reducing ocean pollution.

## New Shoreline Walking Path

A 3.1-mile pedestrian path was added to compliment the bike path along the coastline. A new pedestrian and bicycle counting station tallying over **1.2 million users in its first year from Sept. 2016-Oct. 2017.**



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“The passing of the Harbor Initiative in 2010 has resulted in an additional \$135 million for the Tidelands area at no cost to the taxpayers. The funds are vital to the improvements of the Tidelands area and our beautiful coastline which residents and visitors frequent throughout the year.”

*Laura L. Doud*



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